

THE WHOLE COUNTRY RISING TO THE RESCUE

Than Ten Thousand Women in All Parts of the United States Sign the Petition for the Release of Miss Cisneros.

A Dispatch from Havana Tells of the Terrible Sufferings of the Beautiful Girl in Her Prison Cell.

Captain-General Weyler Refuses to Allow Her to Be Taken to a Hospital.

El Havana Indignant at the Treatment of the Prisoner, Who Is Hopeful of the Queen Regent's Pardon.

Evangelina Cossio Cisneros, the fair young Cuban girl who, after a hideous year-long imprisonment among the degraded women of Havana, is threatened with twenty years' imprisonment in Spain's foulest African penitentiary, has found champions among the women of the United States.

The whole United States is aroused. Ministers in their pulpits yesterday took their texts from the horrible atrocity contemplated by Weyler's secret military court, which would damn this girl for defending her honor against the modern Tarquin who came to her room at night when he thought there was nobody to protect her from his foul attentions. From all parts of the Union come expressions of horror.

Weyler over his own signature has admitted that his creature, Berris, military commander of the Isle of Pines, where her father was a prisoner, came to the girl's room and was made prisoner by those who were summoned by her shrieks.

Now, the charge is that she lured him there in order to have him assassinated and help an insurrection of the prisoners.

An insurrection of unarmed men in the midst of a Spanish army!

For this the Butcher of Cuba would sentence her to an imprisonment where the fate she escaped when she was rescued from Berris would be certain at even meaner hands.

Unless the appeals move the Queen there is no hope for Evangelina Cisneros.



THE EFFECT ON SENORITA CISNEROS OF ONE YEAR'S INCARCERATION IN A SPANISH PRISON.

(The first picture is from a photograph, the second from a description given a Journal correspondent at Havana by a physician.)

"To you I appeal to extend your powerful protection over this poor child. I entreat you to give her to the women of America to live among us in peace.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis's Cablegram to the Queen Regent.



Mrs. Jefferson Davis.

New York, N. Y., Aug. 17.
To Her Majesty
The Queen of Spain.
Dear Madam:
I have been, in common with many others of my country women, much moved by the account of the arrest and trial of Senorita Evangelina Betancourt Cisneros, of course, at this great distance from Spain, I am ignorant of the particulars of her case, but I know she is young, defenceless and in sore straits. However all the world is familiar with the story.

"Her case has a parallel in modern times, and can only be compared to the atrocities inflicted upon the Christians by the order of Nero."—Mrs. John A. Logan.

"A single word from you will surely induce the Spanish Government to abstain from this act of military vengeance."—Mrs. J. A. Logan.

Deeds of the first lady of Spain who has so splendidly illustrated the virtues which exalt a wife and mother, and who has added to these the wisdom of a statesman and the patience and fortitude of a saint.
To you I appeal to extend your powerful protection over this poor captive girl, a child almost on years to have her person a fate worse than death. I am sure your kind heart does not prompt you to vengeance, even though the provocation may have been great.
I entreat you to give her to the women of America to live among us in peace. This will become sure that her life will in future be one long thank offering for your clemency.
Do not, dear Madam, refuse this plea to us and we will always pray for the prosperity of the young King your son, and for that of his wife and all prospering Mother.
Your loving and respectful petition
Barbara S. Jefferson Davis
Aug. 17, 1897.

MISS CISNEROS IN DEATH'S SHADOW.

The Fair Cuban Threatened with Quick Consumption Owing to Her Long Confinement in Prison.

Havana Aroused Over the Sad Case and Angered at Weyler's Attempts to Suppress the Truth from the Public.

BY GEORGE CLARK MUSGRAVE.

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Havana, via Key West, Aug. 22.—The arrival of the New York papers here this morning, and the urgent efforts of the Journal in behalf of Senorita Evangelina Cossio Cisneros, created a sensation in Spanish circles, especially among the clerical leaders. The Bishop, remembering the rebuff he received by Weyler's authority when he attempted to intervene in her behalf at the request of Mrs. and Miss Lee, claiming the Church's right to afford protection to one of her age, was pleased at the Journal's efforts to secure the intervention of the Pope of Rome in her behalf.

A Government physician in attendance upon the inmates of the Casa de Recojidas, seen yesterday in regard to the case of Miss Cisneros, said:

"Senorita Evangelina's health is bad indeed. She has had smallpox and a touch of fever, and is now suffering with biliousness and general debility through lack of wholesome and plentiful food.

Threatened with Consumption.

"Long incarceration and loathsome surroundings are telling harshly upon her refined nature.

"Now she is threatened with quick consumption, and unless liberated soon must be transferred to some hospital to linger and die.

"But as upon previous occasions when she was ailing, applica-

ONE WRONG ADDED TO A LONG LIST.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 22.

Editor of the Journal:

No woman can hear a recital of such wrongs and fail to be moved by it. While I am not cognizant of the details of both sides of the question, a knowledge of the former outrages perpetrated by the Spanish soldiers would lead me to look upon this as one bad deed added to many others, and more to be deplored than others because the persecuted one is a young girl. It seems to me there is little that American women can do that will really aid Senorita Cisneros, but if there was any deed or word in my power which might serve the poor child I should be very happy.

JANE ADDAMS, of Hull House.

AMERICA HAS A DUTY TO PERFORM.

Chicago, Aug. 22.

Editor of the Journal:

It seems to me that the American people have been too long indifferent to the inhuman cruelties Spain has practised toward the insurgents. We are too selfish, and now an innocent girl, a helpless child, stands in the shadow of a danger worse than death, because we, as a people, are indifferent to the wrongs of our fellow beings. If we as individuals should be humane, then it is only right that we as a nation should, notwithstanding the barrier of international laws, show some spirit of humanity to suffering Cuba, and ask President McKinley to take some step in her defence. The story of Evangelina Cisneros, if her threatened sentence is carried out, will make the blackest page in all the dark history of Spain.

MARY M. BARTELMIE.

NOTHING SHOULD BE LEFT UNDONE.

Chicago, Aug. 22.

Editor of the Journal:

A body of women working for social purity and a higher order of civilization, the Women's Christian Temperance Union feels that no stone should be left unturned in the efforts of the American people to persuade the Spanish Government to mitigate the dreadful fate threatened Senorita Cisneros. We are living in an enlightened century, not in the dark ages. Whatever this young Cuban girl may have done for the cause of her country, the common sense of humanity should urge upon the Queen Regent of Spain to remove the Cuban girl's peril.

HELEN N. BARKER.

ALL WOMEN SHOULD PROTEST.

Chicago, Aug. 22.

Editor of the Journal:

All womanhood should protest against the punishment threatened Evangelina Cisneros. In her case the impetuosity of youth and the energy of inexperience would be sufficient excuse for any political crime she may have committed. Common decency, education and charity bid the American women to remonstrate, although I feel it will be of little avail.

JULIA HOLMES SMITH.

"The execution of the threatened sentence would, in the minds of American women, be a step backward in civilization."—Mrs. Mark Hanna's Appeal to the Queen Regent.

"I heartily sympathize with the efforts which the women of America are now making to save the young Senorita Cisneros from the fate to which she has been condemned, and I must heartily add the name of the Notre Dame Sisters to the petition now being addressed to the Queen Regent of Spain.—Sister American Superior of Sisters."